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SUBJ: RELOCATION OF TECHNICAL SECURITY OFFICE TO CASABLANCA

REF: RABAT 5079; STATE 250730

1. FOLLOWING ARE REVISIONS OF COST DATA CONTAINED RABAT REFTEL IN LIGHT OF STATE REFTEL AND REFINED ESTIMATES OBTAINED HERE FOR NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS. COST INCREASE FOR MODIFICATIONS REFLECTS SOMEWHAT HIGHER FIGURE FOR AIR CONDITIONING BASED ON DETAILED ESTIMATE NOW RECEIVED FROM LOCAL (CARRIER) CONTRACTOR.

2. RE PARA 3 STATE REFTEL. STRONGLY RECOMMEND FULL SHIPMENT OF OFFICE AND HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS FROM BEIRUT SINCE STOCKS NOT AVAILABLE HERE. IN VIEW OF LEADTIME REQUIRED, URGE SHIPMENT SOONEST. ON ASSUMPTION ALL FURNISHINGS, APPLIANCES, ETC. SHIPPED, COSTS HERE FOR LOCAL MOVING, INSTALLATION, DRAPES, LIGHTING, ETC., ESTIMATED AT \$12 THOUSAND.

3. RE EDUCATION ALLOWANCE, RABAT REFTEL. THIS WAS BASED ON TWO CHILDREN, HALF YEAR, AMERICAN SCHOOL CASA. WITH ONE IN CASA SCHOOL, ONE AWAY FROM POST, HALF YEAR FIGURE SHOULD BE RAISED TO \$2825 (750 ONE CHILD/HALF YEAR AT POST; 2075 ONE CHILD/HALF YEAR AWAY FROM POST).

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4. RE MODIFICATIONS, PARA 2 RABAT REFTEL. FIGURE SHOULD BE INCREASED FROM \$6000 TO \$9150 REFLECTING INCREASE (TO \$7100) IN AIR CONDITIONING COSTS. ALSO INCLUDED ARE COSTS FOR PAINTING OF WORKSHOP-LAB AREA; PLUMBING AND MODIFICATION OF DARK ROOM; INSTALLATION OF VAULT DOOR (\$125); SOME ADDITIONAL INTERIOR DOORS IN SECURE AREANOF WORKSHOPS; AND CONSTRUCTION OF NON-SECURE STORAGE FACILITIES. ALL CHANGES EXCEPT AIR CONDITIONING CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED IN 15 DAYS FROM AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING. ALL AIR CONDITIONING WORK EXCEPT FOR POWER UNIT CAN BE DONE IN 45 DAYS; POWER UNIT MUST BE ORDERED, LEAD TIME TO ORDER AND INSTALL 90 DAYS. SPACE CAN BE OCCUPIED, SECURED AND USED AS SOON AS OTHER WORK COMPLETED, PENDING INSTALLATION OF POWER UNIT.

5. RE STATE 254748, URGE SIGNING AUTHORITY FOR HOUSING BE GRANTED SOONEST. THIS IS A TIGHT HOUSING MARKET AND PRICES GOING UP CONSTANTLY. TO OBTAIN GOOD AND ECONOMICAL HOUSING WE MUST MOVE FAST WHEN HOUSES COME ON MARKET. WILL OF COURSE ATTEMPT TO WRITE LEASES AS NEAR TO ETA OF PERSONNEL AS POSSIBLE BUT EVEN SOME ADVANCE COMMITMENT WILL BE CHEAPER THAN PROLONGED TEMPORARY HOUSING.

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